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Heagney Delivers Major Education Aid Increase



Legislator Succeeds in Obtaining Funds for Simsbury

HARTFORD- State Representative Rob Heagney (R-Simsbury) today announced that he has gained successful passage in the House of Representatives of a considerable increase in the education aid dollars from the state to the town of Simsbury, adding up to a 35% jump over the previous year.

“Since I was first elected, I have worked to bring more education dollars to the town of Simsbury,” said Representative Heagney. “While we have received ever increasing education funds from the state this is a major step in bringing equity to Simsbury.”

Last year, the town of Simsbury received \$2,377,723 in education aid. This year, under the House passed budget, Simsbury will receive \$3,215,224. This represents an increase of \$837, 501, which will be the largest increase in state education aid Simsbury has ever received.

“Solely through the efforts and persistent work of Representative Heagney was he able to convince the leadership of the Education and Appropriations Committees of the need for Simsbury to receive this significant increase in state funding for Simsbury’s schools. This increase is well above and beyond that of other towns,” said Senator Tom Gaffey (D- Meriden), Chairman of the legislature’s Education Committee.

“This is an important increase in education dollars for Simsbury, not only for the town’s children, but for the taxpayers who have been burdened by the growing cost of providing a first-rate education for our children,” said Heagney. “This will reduce the tax pressure on our local taxpayers, and reduce the burden on them, while adding resources for our children’s education. I deeply appreciate the assistance of Senator Gaffey, Appropriations Chair Denise Merrill, Governor Rell and her O.P.M. staff for their assistance and support for making this increase a reality.”

The proposed budget including the funding for Simsbury is the result of an agreement between the House, Senate, and Governor Rell. It now heads to the state Senate for action there, before going to Governor Rell for her signature.